

Public Review of WRFO Travel Management RMPA

The BLM has released the preliminary environmental assessment (EA) detailing alternatives for travel management area designations within the 1.5-million acre White River Field Office (WRFO) in northwestern Colorado for public review and comment. The EA outlines four alternatives designating which areas within the field office would be open to cross-country motorized and mechanized use, which would be limited to designated routes, and which would be closed to motorized and mechanized vehicles. These decisions will guide future route-by-route planning across the field office. Alternative D is the BLM's preferred alternative.

We've posted the following information online at: <https://go.usa.gov/xn6N6>

- Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA)/EA
- Appendices
- Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- GIS geodatabase and Google Earth files of the alternatives

Where do you find specific information?

- Draft RMPA/EA, Section 3 – Summary of the Alternatives
- Draft RMPA/EA, Section 4 – Issues Analyzed in the EA
- Draft RMPA/EA, Section 5 – Impacts Analysis of the Alternatives
- Appendix A – Travel Mgmt Direction in 1997 RMP (No Action Alternative)
- Appendix B – Detailed Description of Alternatives (Tables)
- Appendix C – Maps
- Appendix D – Contingency Plans for Buffalo Horn Land Exchange
- Appendix E – Changes to Preliminary Alts Based on Public Review
- Appendix F – Assumptions for Analysis (Includes Route Density Estimates)
- Appendix G – Open Area Implementation Plans

How to Provide Comments

The type of feedback which would be most helpful includes:

- Has the BLM conducted a sufficient impacts analysis to evaluate the differences between the alternatives?
- Is there new information available that is relevant to the analysis of the alternatives?
- Does the BLM's information contain inaccuracies based on facts, or on a reasonable interpretation of facts?
- Do you have any concerns with implementation of the preferred alternative?

Comments need to be received by August 30, 2018. Comments may be sent to blm_co_wrfo_tmp@blm.gov or by mail to Heather Sauls, BLM White River Field Office, 220 East Market St., Meeker, CO 81641.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Questions

Please contact Heather Sauls at 970-878-3855 if you have questions about the alternatives or the travel management planning process. Please contact Aaron Grimes at 970-878-3837 if you have specific access questions.